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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ISRAELI FOREIGN
MINISTRY

1. IN A CONVERSATION MAY 17 I ASKED PROFESSOR AVINERI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WOULD BE VISITING THE U.S. NEXT MONTH. AVINERI REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, SAYING THAT SINCE ALLON'S PLANS TO GO SEVERAL WEEKS AGO HAD BEEN SCRATCHED THERE WERE NO NEW PLANS. AVINERI THEN ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD BE VISITING THE U.S. FROM JUNE 3 - 15. THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WOULD BE TO DELIVER A LECTURE IN LOS ANGELES, AS A RESULT OF A PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY BEFORE BECOMING DIRECTOR GENERAL. HE PLANNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TRIP TO STOP IN WASHINGTON FROM JUNE 9-13. HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY WOULD BE TRYING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM.

2. COMMENT: ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO ENSURE THAT AVINERI MEETS WITH THOSE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH THE FORMULATION OF OUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY. DUNNIGAN

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